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Nicki Minaj was anticipated for perform Oct. 8.

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Nicki Minaj Performance: Scam

Ratanjot Rekhi
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Students waited on line for hours to purchase a ticket on Wednesday to see recording artist, Nicki Minaj, only to find out that they, and the school, have been scammed.

In a response to Montclair State University student's picture on Twitter, Nicki Minaj tweeted, “(@nickiminaj): what is this i'm hearing about a MSU concert? where and when is this concert supposed to be? i feel so bad 4 ppl who were scammed.”

As the day progressed, rumors circulated about the situation leaving many students feeling anxious. Students relied on Twitter and Facebook for information. Many of them contacted the Montclarion and SGA.

Christopher Goscinski, SGA President, revealed that the Homecoming Concert was indeed a scam. SGA worked with Premier Talent Agency, thought to be Nicki Minaj's agency, to find out the agency had nothing to do with Minaj.

Goscinski said, “We contacted who we assumed was her agent, from the contract that we signed, to make sure everything was still on, but we couldn't get in touch with him. Further discussions happened and we got in touch with her real agency around 2:45 pm. That's when we realized [what the situation] on campus was about.”

The SGA has since been diligently working with Montclair State University police department, their attorney and school counsel in an active criminal investigation.

Goscinski said, “Someone

approached the Programming Board with this lead and that's as far as we can go [because] that's being investigated by the police as well.” Further details have not been released, but the SGA is confident that the con man will be found.

Since working with the agency, the SGA believed that the concert was legitimate and did not find reason to research the contract or company.

SGA Secretary, Kristin Chapman, said, “We've been dealing with this company since way back in June to get this concert up and running and there was never a factor of this concert faltered at any point.”

According to Chapman, communication included phone calls, faxes, text messages and a payment of

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Hundreds of students line up in the Student Center quad to purchase tickets for the supposed Nicki Minaj concert. The first people on line started standing at 11:30 p.m. Tuesday night.

Nicole Simonetti | The Montclarion

DRINKABILITY

MSU Promotes Alcohol Awareness

Nicole Simonetti
NEWS EDITOR

The start of the fall semester means parties on campus are in full swing, and students aren't about to allow the legal drinking age get in the way of a good time.

There have been 13 arrests on campus this month. Seven incidents involved underage students. According to campus police, six were injured while under the influence of alcohol.

Marie Cascarano, director of the Health Promotion center and part of the Alcohol Task Force, said, “Research

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Mark Banas | The Montclarion

MSU Cuts Ribbon in Honor of Francis A. Sinatra Hall

Joseph Lisnow
STAFF WRITER

Montclair State University officially unveiled its newest dormitory, Francis A. Sinatra Hall, located at 99 Clove Road in Little Falls, between Hawk Crossing and the Village, at the official ribbon cutting ceremony on Sept. 16 at 12 p.m.

After two years of construction, this the event drew dignitaries, staff, residents, students and reporters for this historic day for MSU and Sinatra.

The dormitory houses 303 sophomores, juniors and seniors on six floors. It's a much needed addition so this growing campus according to Karen Pennington, vice president of student development and campus life.

New Jersey native Frank Sinatra was the obvious choice, winning by a 12-to-

1 margin in a vote by the student body, according to Pennington.

“[The student's] way was the Sinatra way,” said Pennington.

Residents of Sinatra Hall live in suites with four to eight other students. Each suite contains a combination of single, double and triple bedrooms. Each suite has three different types of bathrooms: a full bath, a shower room and a half bath with a sink and toilet.

“The excitement can't help but rub off on the residents of this beautiful new housing complex,” said Joseph Zobel, vice president for student development.

“It's only been a few weeks, but Sinatra Hall boasts a strong sense of friendship, common purpose and the thrill that Sinatra is part of

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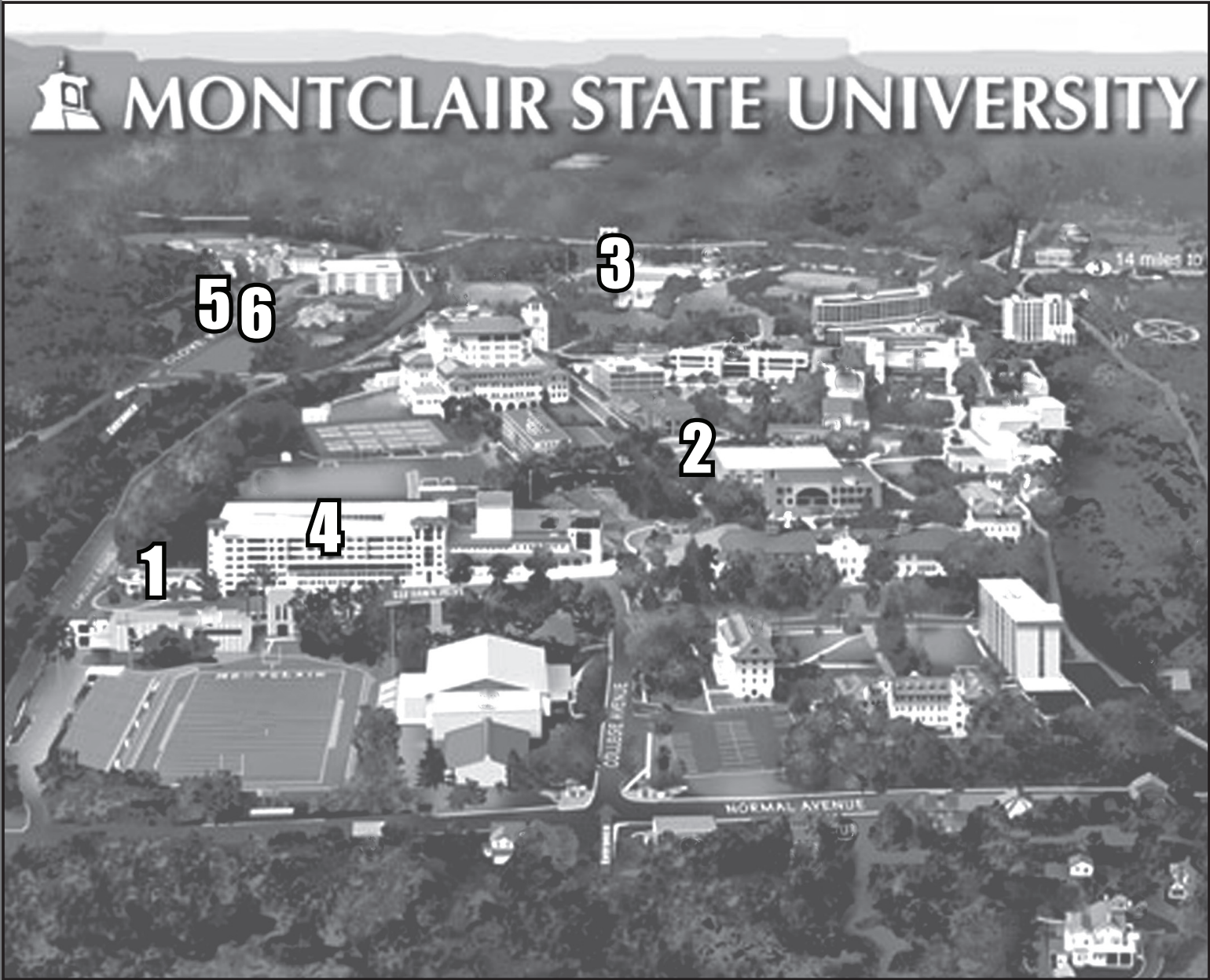
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Pelican Police Report



1 On Sept. 11: Resident student John Espada was arrested and charged with aggravated assault at Police Headquarters in connection with an incident that occurred at Bohn Hall on 9/10/10.

2 On Sept. 14: A student reported items stolen from her misplaced wallet while in Café Diem.

3 On Sept. 14: A student reported the theft of his parking hangtag from his unlocked vehicle in Carparc Diem. University Police would like to remind everyone to lock their cars and roll up their windows to help prevent these thefts from their vehicles.

4 On Sept. 15: A student reported being harassed by a fellow student in the Red Hawk Deck over an argument about a parking space. The victim did not pursue criminal charges.

5 On Sept. 17: Student Scott Nwatu was charged with underage possession of alcohol while in Sinatra Hall.

6 On Sept. 19: A student reported the theft of his wallet from his desk drawer in Sinatra Hall while the room was left unlocked. University Police would like to stress the importance of keeping your residence locked at all times, especially when you leave your room or when you go to sleep.

Anyone who has information regarding these incidents is urged to call the police station from any campus phone at T-P-S (8477). All calls are strictly confidential.

SGA Notes

See pg. 3 for more information on the scam following Nicki Minaj's homecoming performance.

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Goscinski said, “The SGA has never researched the companies that we use because we use service contracts [which] generally require credentials that have you prove that you are a business. When we had such a high class name we kind of just said 'Yeah, we'll take the concert.' And really didn't worry about the organization that was presenting us with information.”

Acknowledging the devastation of the campus community, Goscinski said “It's really our fault we should have done a little more background information on the company, but nothing came up on the radar to make us think that this company was illegitimate. Had something come up that seemed sketchy or out of the ordinary, we would have investigated it.”

In a message written by the director of programming, Juliana Penn sent, by Dr. Pennington, explained to the campus community:

“We are sad to announce that Nicki Minaj will not be performing at Memorial Auditorium. Due to the gravity of the situation we are taking legal actions towards the fraudulent agency with whom we initially signed the contract. We further state that Nicki Minaj and her organization had no association with the agent and that he in fact is the real scammer.”

After receiving a statement that Nicki Minaj's camp was not the cause of the scam, steps were taken to mediate the situation along with legal actions to find the man slandering Minaj's name. Goscinski said, “Now that [Minaj] offered her help personally, the agency was absolutely making sure that these students got what they had anticipated. [Students can] expect the same thing with a different name.” New performer's names have not been released, but the campus community can expect a show of the same hip-hop genre.

Nicki Minaj took to tweeting and said:

“According to msu, they sent money to a man by the name of Romarick Hough of Premiere Talent Agency. (646) 327-8648.”

Though \$27,000 have been lost to the fraudulent talent agency, the SGA has proposed a bill, that was enacted yesterday, to secure \$37,000 additional funds. These funds will be coming out of the SGA's unappropriated surplus.

Chapman said, “We took the \$37,000 out of surplus essentially to continue with the concert. Nicki Minaj said that she will help establish a concert of similar caliber, for around the same price because that's our budget. We are going to take this money out of unappropriated funds this way we don't just blow off the concert.”



Michelle Fleury | The Montclarion

The line of students for Nicki Minaj tickets stretches from the front to the back of the quad.

Refunds for tickets will take place on Friday Sept. 24 & Monday Sept. 27 in SC room 104 (CENTER FOR STUDENT INVOLVEMENT)

from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm!

The Pointless Wait for Tickets

Nicole Simonetti
NEWS EDITOR

Montclair State University students talked for weeks about their excitement about Nicki Minaj coming here and doing a concert for our Homecoming 2010 weekend.

Students anticipated that they would have to fight for a seat in the Memorial Auditorium where Minaj was slated to perform. This could explain why students set up camp the night before tickets went on sale.

Tiffany Washington, a senior die-hard Nicki Minaj fan, stood on line from 5:30 a.m. "There were still 500 people in front of me and 500 people behind me," she said.

Tickets went on sale Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m., but students formed a line hours before. Students were out in the Student Center quad beginning at 11:30 p.m., and flocks of students continued to come throughout the night and into the morning.

Lines were set up inside caution tape to keep students in an organized fashion. Among the lines of students were many blankets, pillows and chairs from dormitories so they could remain comfortable. Students also packed snacks and coolers.

When the time came for ticket sales, the mood went from calm to

crazed. The caution tape that separated lines for students was immediately ignored by a mob of students as they pushed their way to the front of the lines.

Chris Romo, a junior, said, “First of all, I think the whole thing was so unorganized. The lines were moving so slow.” Romo went to stand on line at 6:30 a.m.

The Montclair State University police department was there to help regulate the lines, regardless of what students were saying to them. Many students were unhappy because they were being cut in line when they after standing there for a few hours.

There were four tables selling tickets and they were broken down by the alphabet. Students went to whatever table displayed the letter of their last names. Although the process may have been slow, MSU managed to sell out of tickets for Minaj's concert.

Unfortunately for everyone there this morning, Montclair State University fell victim to a scam and Nicki Minaj is not performing at our campus.

“I finally got my tickets and found out a moment later that they are useless. That's enough to get anyone irritated,” Romo said.

"After camping out for about five hours, I was devastated and frustrated to see she knew nothing about the show," Washington said.

Alcohol

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"Research indicated that first year students, athletes and Greeks are among groups that are considered 'high risk' for alcohol use."

Marie Cascarano
Director of Health Promotion Center

indicated that first year students, athletes and Greeks are among groups that are considered 'high risk' for alcohol use.”

Lt. Kieran Barrett from the Montclair State Police Department stated that a lot of arrests are made in the front of Bohn Hall, and the quad between Bohn and Blanton.

Many of the students in those dorms are freshman, a majority of who are under the legal drinking age of 21.

Lt. Barrett also said that most of the arrests occur when students are arriving, leaving or walking across campus.

If a police officer sees students who they suspect are drunk, they are compelled to stop and say, “Hey, can we help you?” Lt. Barrett said that the police department understands that there will be drinking on the campus, but they “can’t turn a blind eye to it.”

“We understand that it is going to happen, but it raises dangers,” Lt. Barrett stated.

On Montclair State’s campus, 113 students were arrested for alcohol related charges in 2007. There were 84 arrests in 2008. Lt. Barrett said that the average arrest rate ranges from

80-140 per year.

The biggest spike of arrests related to alcohol is usually during the month of October. Lt. Barrett believes it’s the result of homecoming weekend.

The Alcohol Task Force is composed of representatives from the Center for Student Involvement (CSI), Counseling and Psychological services (CAPS), University Health Center, New Student Experience (NSE), Health Promotion, a Student Center officer, the Greek advisor, representatives from athletics, the Newman Center, the LGBT Center and Residential Education and Services.

The Montclair Police Department and the Intervention Community Alliance also work to promote alcohol safety among students.

“Education is an ongoing process at Montclair State,” Cascarano stated. There were speeches at orientation for both students and parents. In addition to lectures on the dangers of drinking and alcohol abuse, they learned the university’s policy on drinking.

Montclair State highly recommends that students complete an online assessment called E-CHUG.

The assessment is given to students of New Student Seminar courses, athletes during pre-season and students pledging for fraternities or sororities. These groups, according to Casacrano, are typically proven to consume more alcohol.

"We understand that it is going to happen, but it raises danger."

Kieran Barrett
Lieutenant of MSUPD

Alumni Donate \$50,000 in Honor of Professor Teresa "Scory" de Escoriaza

Katherine Milsop
MANAGING EDITOR

There are good professors, and then there are extraordinary professors like Teresa “Scory” de Escoriaza, who over 50 years after her retirement, is the reason for a gathering of alumni, who are paying tribute to her memory with a \$50,000 donation to the university.

At 4 p.m. Wednesday afternoon in Dickson Hall's Cohen Lounge, over 60 alumni and faculty gathered to honor Professor de Escoriaza's legacy as a Spanish language and literature professor, author and journalist. Three MSU alumni and students of Scory led the \$50,000 fundraising donation campaign in order to name a room in Finely Hall after their beloved professor.

“She was a truly exceptional woman,” said John Riordan '59. Riordan led the fundraising campaign along with Bill De Lorenzo '59 and Protase “Woody” Woodford '57, '62 MA.

When Riordan received an alumni award several years ago, he took that as an incentive to do something to commemorate Scory. Along with fellow classmates De Lorenzo and Woodford, Judy Echeveria Linder '83 collected donations from other alumni. The Teresa de Escoriaza seminar room in Finely Hall will have some of Scory's books and photographs to share her legacy with new language students.

Riordan, who was Editor in Chief of *The Montclarion* during his sophomore year, double majored in French and Spanish. He felt that the college, “had an unparalleled reach” with language

education at the time. During the late 1950s, he explained, most of the language professors, including Scory, and graduates from Montclair worked with the major textbook publishing companies Houghton-Mifflin and McGraw Hill.

“She was such a special person and an extraordinary woman,” Riordan said. Scory's personality, while somewhat intimidating to students at first, “just demanded that you did your best,” he said.

Scory was an extremely influential figure in Riordan's life. As a result of her relentless efforts and strong dislike for bureaucracy, Riordan was able to get a job teaching at a Princeton public school before even graduating from college. The school was in need of a teacher and Riordan, with Scory's help, had been admitted to the senior Spanish literature class and had accumulated enough credits to qualify. He later went on to become a head publisher at Houghton-Mifflin, among other successful careers.

Students remember Scory for her feisty personality, sharp intelligence and drive to make her students “superior teachers.”

In addition to her 30 year career at the college (1929-1959), she worked as a war correspondent during the Moroccan War, a newspaper journalist and became the first female voice heard on Spanish radio. Friends with acclaimed writers and artists at the time, Scory left a lasting impression on all of her students.

“The fact that so many graduates are here from the '40s is tributal,” Riordan said. “It's not just a gathering.”

Ribbon

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something special. The students who reside in this newest landmark are a part of the newest legacy at the university starting this year,” Zobel said.

Upon conclusion of the ribbon cutting, guests were invited to take a tour inside including a walkthrough of a student occupied suite.

The lobby is adorned with photos that were donated by the Sinatra family and brief facts mounted on the walls.

The first floor contains a community room and kitchen. The kitchen includes a refrigerator freezer combo, electric stove, oven, array of cabinets and three vending machines for the residents to use.

Residents must supply their own pans, utensils and dishes.

“I think the kitchen is fine here,” said accounting major Tiffany Wang. “I always go to the cafeteria, so sometimes I would rather eat something different.”

Christopher Gosinski, student government president, and Alyssa Stokes, residence leadership council president,

both spoke about how less people leave on the weekends now, choosing to stay on campus.

Floors two through six have a common room, two dryers, two washers, a garbage room and water fountains. The entire building is also wireless combatable.

Many students were happy about the new security features. To enter through the suite door, the resident must swipe their MSU card followed by the last four digits of their social security number. Then each room inside the suite has its own key to unlock the bedroom.

“The university has effectively been beautified,” said Gosinski.

“I think because it’s a new building, we get to set the tone,” said Sinatra Hall community assistant Caitlin Fabrocini. “We are our own person. It will get to carry on for years and it is very cool. A new building means a little more work for everyone, which brings along ownership and pride for everyone.”

Sinatra Hall is also home to the

pilot program Stone Wall. This new program is designed for gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender and queer (GLBTQ) students, so they may be placed without restriction of gender, while feeling comfortable in their environment.

Little Falls Mayor Michael DeFrancisci said 1,400 construction jobs were created by this project which was much needed in this economy.

“I really enjoy being a part of the first ever service assistant staff of

Frank Sinatra,” said biology major Caitlin Berkefeld. “I have high hopes for the rest of the semester.”

“I believe that as being a part of the first service assistant staff at Sinatra Hall, we have to set a standard of performance that not only residents have to become accustomed to, but also future staff members,” said English major Dominique Everett. “We owe it to the future of the building’s safety to be consistent workers.”

“It’s a great building with a great design,” said Pennington. “The building has great energy that people seem to be happy with, and that’s what we want. Good, happy students.”

The dormitory wasn’t built with just cement and brick, but with enthusiasm and Red Hawk pride, according to Zobel.

"The building has great energy that people seem to be happy with, and that's what we want. Good, happy students."

Dr. Karen Pennington
Vice President of Student Development and Campus Life

Check out a virtual tour of Frank Sinatra Hall on our website:
www.themontclarion.org



Joseph Lisnow | The Montclarion

(Left to Right) Christopher Gosinski, SGA president; Michael DeFrancisci, Little Falls mayor; Ray McCarthy, Bloomfield major; Alyssa Stokes, residence leadership council president; Karen Pennington, vice president of student development and campus life; and Joseph Zobel, vice president for student involvement, all stand together for the ribbon cutting at Frank Sinatra Hall.

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MSU Celebrates the Newly Named Hawk Crossings with a Carnival



Krista McDonald, a cheerleader, got to dress as a clown for the day to go along with the carnival spirit.

Ratanjot Rekhi
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

This weekend students, families and friends attended the official kick-off carnival for Hawk Crossings. The event included carnival style games, a bounce house, a cotton candy machine and a raffle to win a Nintendo Wii system. Residents were excited for the event, especially first-year Hawk Crossings resident, Brittany Darling.

"I can't wait to get into the jump house and make sand art. I came back early from home just for the event," she said. The program welcomed residents of the residence hall and brought about a new feeling of community to the apartment strip. Jessida Spera, a second-year Community Assistant at Hawk Crossings said, "I'm really excited because I've noticed that people have been staying on the weekend. I think it may have the feel of a new building, so it's



Students lined up to pick their barbecue food of choice.

Ratanjot Rekhi | The Montclarion

welcoming." That new building vibe Sperra referred to may have to do with the new air conditioning units, redone molding around the windows, removal of carpets in the stairways, new blinds, the outside paint job and new windows and doors. Community Director, Thea Dyer explained, "I think the students have a greater appreciation for the changes because they really impact them. A better living environment means a

better quality of living." While many students still refer to the residence hall as Clove Road, Dyer explained that "the name is to honor the mascot, which is the Red Hawk." No longer are the three buildings referred to as the 100s, 200s, and 300s. They are now known as the Latin species names for hawks: Falco, the true Falcons, was formerly Clove 100s; Accipiter, the woodland Hawks, was formerly Clove 200s; Buteo, the soaring Hawks, was formerly Clove 300s.



Carnival games took place throughout the day in which students participated.

Ratanjot Rekhi | The Montclarion



A bounce house was blown-up on campus for students to jump around in.

Ratanjot Rekhi | The Montclarion

Motor Vehicles Not Allowed in Homecoming 2010

Julie Shilling
STAFF WRITER

The homecoming parade will move a bit slower this year, as university officials will not permit the use of vehicles and trucks in student built floats. The construction on campus and the addition of a new staircase would make it impossible for floats to exit the traditional parade route. "Students may feel disappointed but I think they'll understand once they understand why," said Fatima de-Carvalho, Assistant Dean for Student Life. "Float building was always done in the Quarry lots, since those lots no longer exist, floats cannot be built there," said Dr. Karen Pennington, vice president for student development and campus life. This new change will be a "challenge" for students but the decision was "beyond our control," deCarvalho adds. According to deCarvalho, they thought "long and hard" and there are "very few options to resolve the situation." The construction project has lead to "no other location for vehicles to get by."

Programming Board has encouraged participants to devise more creative, if less mobile, float designs. Students traditionally build their floats from scratch in the quad outside the student center. Possible suggestions include portable backdrops that can be easily carried by students. The weeklong homecoming celebration begins Oct. 4. The parade, sponsored by the Center for Student Involvement (CSI) and Programming Board, will be held on Oct. 9 at 12 p.m.

More information regarding Homecoming 2010 can be found on Montclair State's website: www.montclair.edu/homecoming.

Former Montclair State Student Arrested on Campus

Bianca Francis
STAFF WRITER

Robert Linford, a 20-year old resident of Middleton, NJ and a former student of Montclair State, was arrested on Sept. 10 at the NJ Transit deck by Officer Denis Zamora on multiple charges. According to Lieutenant Kieran Barrett the police department was called to the scene to resolve a case of domestic violence and Linford was present. While attempting to handle the case they were called to, Linford began to intervene. He appeared to be intoxicated and began spitting at the officers. In his possession was an air gun, an assimilated weapon. Students found his actions mind boggling. "It is a shame that people can resort to actions as such when they can be avoided," said junior Melvin Phillips. Linford was arrested and charged with underage possession of alcohol, obstruction of law, hindering apprehension, unlawful possession of firearm, throwing bodily fluids and criminal mischief. Lt. Barrett explained the gun charge. "It doesn't matter what the intention of the gun was once you have it at the time of the arrest." Linford was taken to the Passaic County Jail where he was later released. The length of his stay was not stated as Barrett explained, "We didn't receive a notification, but it was probably 24 hours later." Lt. Barrett also said, "You can't obstruct the law, not to say that people's opinion doesn't matter but it comes in time."

Melvin Phillips
Junior

Students are urged to call MSUPD if they witness actions such as this at: (973) 655-5222.

“Truvia” or False: Can “Natural” Sugars be as Bad as Real Sugars?

Heather Kapral
STAFF WRITER

Around this time of year, college students, particularly freshmen, are concerned about gaining weight, known as “the freshman 15.” Those who are motivated enough adopt some sort of change in their diet and/or lifestyle, whether it be lowering fat intake, sugar intake or increasing exercise habits.

Decreasing the amount of sugar in one’s diet has always been a popular strategy for losing weight, especially since the Atkins diet regained popularity at the beginning of the decade.

One way that Americans tackle the challenge of limiting their intake of sugar is by using artificial sweeteners. However, this alternative may be doing more harm to the body than good.

One of the newest chemical sweeteners available today is stevia, sold as Truvia or PureVia. Stevia is a type of herb from which the compound steviol glycoside is extracted.

This sugar-free, calorie-free compound is 40 to 300 times sweeter than sucrose, or table sugar. Stevia seems to be growing in popularity because manufacturers market it as “natural,” even though this does not necessarily indicate that it is healthy or safe.

While certain studies show stevia’s potential in controlling condi-



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tions such as high blood pressure, obesity and high blood sugar, other studies illustrate serious danger.

For instance, several studies indicate that high concentrations of stevia in the diet are capable of changing genetic information within the body. Certain glycosides, such as the one found in stevia, can also cause irregular heart rhythm.

Additionally, a study on rats confirmed a decrease in sperm production, and possibly overall fertility, after ingesting high doses of stevia.

Because stevia is a newer addition to the artificial sweetener market in the US, there is a lack of sufficient data to predict long-term effects of its use. There are various risks associated with consuming other artificial sweeteners, as well.

The use of chemical sweeteners has become so widespread throughout the country that it can be impossible to avoid them completely.

In addition to consuming artificial sweeteners in moderation, consume a variety of different types of artificial sweeteners in order to keep low levels of each substance in the body at all times.

Not only will this strategy help with losing weight, but it will also minimize the risk of any adverse effects in the process.

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All for One and Fun for All on Doggie Field Day

Jade Moskovitz
STAFF WRITER

On Sunday, Sept. 19 the MSU Puppy Raisers held Doggie Field Day. Forty dogs gathered from all over the area in the Student Center's quad after having heard about the event through friends, flyers, emails, MSU's website, Facebook and Twitter. MSU Puppy Raisers said, "Doggie Field Day is a day where people in the community, students, faculty and staff can bring their dogs to come out and have fun. This event not only gives dogs their own day, but it's also the kick off event for our organization, to help spread the word for our cause."

Enjoying the gorgeous weather, dogs, dog lovers, dog owners and friends watched as their pups played on the agility courses, bathed in the pools and played in the company of other dogs. Consisting of a jump, weave poles and a tunnel for the



Students cool off while their puppy relaxes.

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ing Frisbee and catch their dogs. Aryana Sedarati said, "It was the cutest thing in the world and a great idea."

One of the dogs was accompanied by owner Colleen Riley from the Seeing Eye Puppy Raisers. Raising the puppies from six weeks old, Seeing Eye works to train the dogs until they reach about 16 months. Then the dog is tested to become an aid to the blind.

Riley says how an event such as this "helps to introduce her dogs to another environment and [teaches them to] interact with new people and new animals."

All in all, Doggie Field Day had an amazing turn out. Ray McKenna, vice president of Puppy Raisers said, "It felt good to have a lot of people show up. Everyone loves animals, meaning this organization is going to hopefully have a big expansion of interest." After this resounding success, the organization says this is one of many events to come.



Ray McKenna with his puppy.

dogs to play in, the agility course was a big hit. The large playing area provided for the event also gave the dogs the opportunity to run free and really exercise. Monica Pardo said, "[I] really liked seeing all the dogs play together. Dogs don't usually have access to such a big field to run around in."

Aside from the activities listed, owners were also able to purchase an arm's length of raffle tickets for five dollars for a chance to win a basket from the "tricky tray," or a cash prize in the 50/50 drawing, which totaled \$39 by the end of the event. No matter the prize, the winners were sure to walk away with some great treats put together by the organization and donating companies: Nylabone, Kong and Welcome Pup.

"It's great how friends came together to support a wonderful cause," said Linda Nunziato. "A lot of work and planning went into the event."

Dogs of various types came from all areas to enjoy some time outside and the company of each other. Owners also found themselves having fun play-



Big puppies in the arms of their owners await their next event.

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MSU's Brothers and Sisters Salute American Soldiers

Alexis Tzap
STAFF WRITER

Men and women have been protecting this country our whole lives, but with craziness of life we tend to forget those fighting overseas.

In the midst of all the chaos, Alpha Iota Chi and Tau Kappa Epsilon keep those individuals in their thoughts.

On Sept. 14, the AIX sisters and TKE brothers gathered together from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Center Ballroom, to recognize the soldiers that are fighting for this country.

"Support the Soldiers," was an event to have students give their thanks to a group of soldiers overseas.

They had students sign a large colorful banner and create video messages showing their appreciation and hope for those soldiers to return home safely.

AIX has been in contact with the troops for some time now because of an alumni's friend.

Last year, the sisters made Valentine's Day cards to show their appreciation. Danielle Ricciardi, the vice president of AIX, said, "It is important to recognize those overseas and to honor them with this event. They need to know that we are thinking about them."

Troy Loveland, Historian of TKE, said, "Thank you to the troops. Freedom is not Free."

AIX and TKE are both brainstorming other events to help out the troops. The sisters of AIX are not only trying to do their part with the troops, they are also having a Red Cross Haiti Relief Battle of the Bands benefit show

"Thank you to the troops. Freedom is not free."

Troy Loveland
Historian of TKE

on Oct. 22. Both sisters of AIX and brothers of TKE show a strong commitment towards community service and helping their fellow classmates.

Although this war may not be over yet, it is nice to know some people are trying to make this country a safer place to live. To everyone serving our country, thank you.



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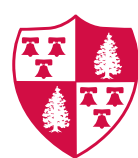
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THE WEEKLY DEBATE

Q: WHERE IS THE BEST PLACE TO EAT ON CAMPUS?

HE SAID



Mike Monostra
SPORTS EDITOR

When you live on a college campus, food becomes a huge part of your life. As someone who is a senior living on campus at MSU, I've tasted everything there is to taste. Over the past four years, my opinion of the food has never changed. Let me say this in the nicest way: the food at MSU isn't very good.

Now, at college I don't expect to eat five-star quality food or anything. I know the food is not like the cooking I'd eat at home. But, honestly, the big problem I have with campus food here is that I have to pay ridiculously high prices for low-quality food.

Café Diem is the perfect example. The sandwiches and goodies that one can buy there actually taste pretty good. The problem is that they charge crazy prices for everything. It's not just at Diem either, but everywhere from the Red Hawk Diner's \$7 burger meals to \$6 chicken fingers at the Student Center to \$7 or \$8 for

the pasta dishes at the Rathskeller.

I didn't even mention how crazy the price of a meal plan is at this school. I lived in the Clove Road Apartments (now Hawks Crossings) the past two years and now live in the Village, which means I have the opportunity to save money by buying a commuter meal plan. However, the cheapest meal plan is currently 50 meal blocks and \$100 of flex for \$540. If you do the math, you're paying \$440 for 50 meal blocks. That means you're paying \$8.80 per meal block under that meal plan. In case you're wondering, a meal block is equivalent to \$5.40 at the Student Center. There's something wrong there.

Ultimately, the best bet for on-campus eating is the dining halls at Blanton and Freeman. For that one swipe, you can eat as much food as your heart desires, it's by far the best value on campus.

Also, if you're a commuter or live in Hawk Crossings or the Village, skip the meal plan and just use Red Hawk dollars. That way, you don't overpay for swipes and only spend as much money as you use.

Or, if you want to save even more money, just make your own food. Odds are your cooking is better than what MSU has to serve. Plus, you won't have to pony up \$2.50 for a sub-standard cheeseburger or \$5.50 for an average (at best) sandwich.

Following these steps should at least keep money in your wallet and also keep you from going hungry throughout the day.

SHE SAID



Jade Moskovitz
STAFF WRITER

Well, let me start by saying that college food is not comparable to a home cooked meal, so start by lowering your expectations. Experience has helped me learn the "tricks of the trade" when it comes to eating on campus.

We'll start with Blanton. For breakfast, go for the omelettes, for lunch hit the deli and for dinner there are always burgers.

But if you're trying to avoid the freshman 15 (which is apparently now the freshman 20) go for the salad bar. I'm personally not a fan of their entrees.

Rule of thumb? If you can't identify it, don't eat it. Also keep in mind that on the weekends it closes early, so get there in time if you don't want to spend your Red Hawk or flex dollars.

The Red Hawk diner has pretty good food and is open everyday, all day. If you have the late night munchies or you've had too much "juice" to drink that night, it hits the spot. You'll find that it's most popu-

lar around two in the morning and is a good way to end your night.

Keep in mind that it's a college diner, and college kids don't generally tip when paying with their I.D. card, so don't expect the service to be top notch when they know you're probably not going to leave them any cash.

The food at the Student Center is definitely up to par for subs and entrees. The Rathskeller is good for Italian, and the convenience store is good for a snack or coffee.

Just keep in mind that if it tastes really good, it's probably not good for you. The sushi is a healthy choice, but will also put a hole in your pocket, so I'd recommend it on occasion.

I don't have much experience with Freeman, but from what I hear, their pizza has a better reputation than Blanton's. However, they don't have as much variety when it comes to the menu.

Café Diem has Starbucks coffee, bagels and sandwiches. All reliable, but a little pricey.

This is also a place to check the calorie count before ordering. The fajita wrap might go down well, but for you ladies watching your figure, it's over 700 calories.

My favorite place to eat on campus is the Student Center cafeteria. I like the fact that they offer a variety of food for decent prices.

I recommend their toasted subs or any of their hot meals. They're pretty good and always hit the spot.

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A Little Chitchat

Dinah Discusses the Parking Situation



Dinah Polk
ASSISTANT FEATURE EDITOR

The fact that I decided to write about the parking situation on campus is, I'm sure, no surprise to any of you. But I promise I'm not going preach to you all about the same stuff you've been hearing for the past few years.

Yes, parking on campus is unbearable but we all do have to consider the fact that there are 18,402 students that attend MSU and we all have to park somewhere. That's a lot of students trying to get to class on time and we're all dealing with the same frustrations.

I've been hearing a lot of students complaining about the new deck CarParc Diem. I must admit that on a Tuesday morning when I was late for my 10 a.m. class and I found myself parking on the seventh floor after driving around for 15 minutes, I was one of them.

But after taking the long walk to College Hall to cool down I found myself thinking, "Well, this is still better than parking in the Transit deck and taking a shuttle all the way over here."

I've come to see CarParc Diem as a blessing and a curse. The fact that it takes 20 minutes to get in and out

of that thing is not one of the perks, at all. But it is nice to be able to walk right out of there and be near University Hall, no shuttle bus needed. And even though I'm not really one for walking to my car at 8 p.m. after a full day of classes, I guess a little exercise never hurt anybody.

Aside from all this, I happen to be just as sick of hearing people complain non-stop that parking is horrendous, but I do have one more little issue. Driving in CarParc Diem is not at all like it was in the Transit deck.

First of all, just getting in and out of there is a hassle. Just waiting to pull into the deck itself can make you late for class. And then, when your day is finally done and your trying to get home, you sit there and wait just to pull out. Then you have to wait for all the pedestrians to take their time crossing the street.

In my opinion, a traffic light would be super effective in solving this problem.

The first time I parked in CarParc Diem I was shocked to see that cars were coming from all directions. You can go up and down the same way. For someone like me that is accustomed to the way NJ Transit operates, it is a pretty scary experience that takes some getting used to.

Not only is CarParc Diem constantly packed, but the way people drive in there is crazy. All you hear is screeching tires, and you feel like at any moment someone is going to come speeding up and rear-end you while you're waiting for a space.

So considering the fact that we're all doing everything we can to find a place to park, it would be in everyone's best interest if nobody flies around the corners as if Justin Beiber was waiting for you in your computer class.

All I'm trying to say is, if we all drive safely then we'll all make it to class in one piece.

MSU Hockey Club More Competitive Than Ever

Alan Akins
STAFF WRITER

Floyd Hall Arena is MSU's state-of-the-art ice rink with new locker rooms and concession stands. Beyond the joys of recreational skating, there is a lingering competitive atmosphere from the Red Hawks.

MSU's own hockey team was revived in 1997 after the team disappeared in 1988. The team practices under the expertise of its determined staff: head coaches Frank Barone and Rob Martinez, general manager Timmy Fox, assistant coaches Christian Valvano, alumni Ryan Bourke and former strengthening and conditioning coach of the N.Y. Rangers Mark PuttENVINK.

This year, the team represented MSU in the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA) National Championships and won, which is especially important because it was the first time a win of that magnitude has happened in the team's 12-year history. "We went to the Nationals last year and are hoping to do it again," said Martinez.

Currently, the Red Hawks are recognized by the ACHA, which is an honor. However, they are not recognized by the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA). This is due to a rule under Title 9 that prohibits a college to have more male NCAA

sports than female NCAA sports.

"Right now Montclair State has five more varsity male sports than female sports," Martinez said. The staff would someday like to be recognized by the NCAA.

Tryouts for this year's team were held in August. Out of 41 tryouts, 31 students were taken. However, transfer students and regular students can try out again in spring if they did not make the first tryout.

The staff was hoping for more male players to join so that they could create two teams. Martinez also expressed a need for female players, as there is a possibility for a female team.

Students should come out and support their hockey team. Martinez said, "Personally, I think it is important that students get a little bit more involved and aware that there is a hockey team. The school is starting to acknowledge us since we made Nationals last year. We are becoming the equivalent of an NCAA sport. Hopefully our making nationals will spark interest on campus this year. Sometimes these guys go out to play and they are only playing in front of their parents; we need student support."

Barone agreed, "It is a great atmosphere and the games are always exciting. We did some good recruiting this year and we would like students to come out and support the team. Students get in for free."



Coaches gather after a practice.

Courtesy of Alan Akins

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It's a Trap: Nicki Minaj Scam Revealed



Well, ladies and gentlemen, the word is in. After hours of diligent digging, *The Montclarion* has finally found out the truth. The students of Montclair State have indeed been scammed. Nicki Minaj will not be performing at the end of homecoming. You all may be wondering how

this could have possibly happened. How could the entire University be fooled into selling tickets for such a well-known artist? Ironically enough, Nicki Minaj herself was the one that pulled the deceptive veil from the eyes of Montclair students. An enthused student posted her excitement on Minaj's twitter, only

Hannah Scherba | *The Montclarion* to have the pop star respond in confusion. It was made clear to us that Nicki Minaj was in no way responsible for the mix-up. Our confusions were equal to Ms. Minaj's, and when we found out that there might be a miscommunication, we began our own quest for truth. The SGA was the primary handler of the Minaj event, so naturally

we went to them for information. As the voice of Montclair's esteemed students, we felt it was within our right to inquire about the possibility of a scam. Well, I can safely say, that the SGA was not pleased with our inquisition. When the day began, the SGA was timid to cooperate with our requests. Understandably, everyone on campus was experiencing a fair amount of chaotic activity. You could not walk across campus without hearing the words 'Nicki Minaj' and 'scam.' With the aid of the SGA, we stumbled upon a fair amount of information regarding Nicki Minaj and the details behind the scam (see our article on the front page). Apparently, the SGA arranged the performance through an illegitimate booking agency. Contracts were signed, the proper precautions were made. Everything appeared to be in order. But, as you know, we were all fooled by this booking agency. As the hours passed, we began to uncover more and more information about the Nicki Minaj scam. Apparently, this scam has occurred at other universities over the last few months. Disregard, for a moment, the lack of prior research regarding Ms. Minaj's history of performances and turn your attention to a much more suspicious request. The booking agency required a \$27,000 check, and then insisted on receiving \$10,000 in cash, the day of the concert. If this isn't fishy, then I

don't know what is. We have always believed that if something seems to good to be true, it usually is. The university now faces a new dilemma, how will MSU generate new hype for Homecoming 2010? Students can either refund their tickets or keep them with the hopes that Montclair will follow through on their promise. The university plans on booking a new performer, of the same caliber and genre, to perform at homecoming. Therein lies the problem; to book another performer would cost even more money. It isn't exactly a wise choice to spend more money on some grand show of school spirit. The money for Minaj's performance was taken from the SGA Programming Board budget. Does the Programming Board have extra funds lying around somewhere? We vote for a tuition decrease rather than spending 37 thousand dollars on some pop star. Don't get us wrong, we do feel remorse for the whole situation. Especially for the students that waited on the ticket lines for hours. It's rather unfortunate that we had to suffer through a scam to make everyone realize that nothing is as it seems. The next time the university is booking an event, thorough background checking is an absolute necessity. At least Minaj shed light on the scam before it was too late. -LW

Nicki Minaj's Tweets:

“what is this i’m hearing about a MSU concert? where and when is this concert supposed to be? i feel so bad 4 ppl who were scammed,” she tweeted Wednesday.

*“i tell u guys all the time, if u don’t see me tweet about it, its not real. i’m gonna figure out the b*stards behind this MSU scam.”*

“FOR THE RECORD. I’M NOT DOING ANY SHOWS BETWEEN NOW AND THE 22ND OF OCTOBER. WEN SHOWS R CONFIRMED I’LL LET U GUYS KNOW. I’M SORRY”

*“wen i find out the person responsible for this MSU scam i’m putting their name on twitter. scamming college kids? go to h*ll!” (Nicki Minaj’s Twitter)*

Cultural Center a Sensationalized Subject

Student Reveals Facts Behind Islamic Center: Mosque Ado about Nothing



KATIE WINTERS
CHIEF COPY EDITOR

It seems that one cannot escape for long the public debate on an Islamic Cultural Center that is slated to be built about two blocks from the Ground Zero site. Anyone can see why this has become such a hot topic.

Besides the unfortunately intimate connection that Ground Zero and Islam have, religious freedom and consideration of those affected by any disaster must be brought into the discussion.

However, most people don't understand the facts behind the debate, leaving them unable to form valuable opinions on the situation.

The building planned is an Islamic Cultural Center. It may contain a mosque, but it will not simply be a mosque. In addition to prayer rooms, there will be a gym, a pool, a culinary school and a Sept. 11 memorial.

The memorial proves that those planning to build the center are in fact sensitive to the location they are choosing.

Part of the reason for the location is that unpleasant connections between Muslims and the World Trade Center attacks could be changed.

The Imam who is heading this project, Feisal Abdul Rauf, has spent many years attempting to improve relations between the "western world" and Islam.

On the other hand, Rauf has recently been in the news for incurring violations for not properly maintaining the properties he is landlord of in Union City, NJ.

He also spent much time avoiding compromises on the situation and upsetting many by saying that the proposed site for the cultural center is not "sacred ground."

But in the end, how much does any of this matter? New Yorkers don't even want people outside of the five boroughs to weigh in on this debate.

In our area of New Jersey, this may not be fair, as our vicinity to the city has left many affected by Sept. 11.

Even if this is the case we aren't really going to be able to change anyone's mind from across the river.

Perhaps this issue will come up for a vote for the citizens of NYC, but even then it may be appealed under the constitutional right of freedom of religion.

Either way, we can't really change what's going to happen two blocks away from the former World Trade Center. It is interesting from a philosophical standpoint, and it is important to understand the whole situation.

As mentioned earlier this is a cultural center, not a mosque. And it isn't going to be built at Ground Zero, but two blocks away.

One might say, how much does this really matter? It is still something being built for Muslims rather close to where a terrorist attack occurred.

To some extent it doesn't matter at all, there are other mosques in NYC and the mosque that the cultural center may contain would function no differently.

Just like a church or synagogue, New Yorkers would go in to observe their religion, not plot the overthrow of the dominant culture.

If the location is the problem, which obviously it is, when does it stop being a problem?

Some New Yorkers polled by the *New York Times* said that another five blocks would be enough.

However, a much larger percentage said 20 blocks, at least. Some added that they don't want this cultural center built at all, but if it must be built then 20 blocks is the minimum.

This would be about a mile away by my calculations, but there is already another Islamic house of worship within five blocks of Ground Zero, and plenty more scattered throughout Manhattan.

Are the existing mosques on the island being ignored because they predated the Sept. 11 attacks?

Will this become an issue every time that the Islamic community wants to build a new place of worship anywhere in NYC?

Of course many New Yorkers have also said that the planners of the cultural center have every right to build it wherever they want.

Furthermore, many New Yorkers have said that even though they don't want it to be built two blocks from Ground Zero, they have no intentions of attempting to stop the developers.

Obviously, many are deeply conflicted regarding this because they believe so strongly that all citizens of the United States have the right to freedom of religion, including the freedom to build places of worship wherever building codes allow it.

Forbidding someone the right to practice their religion as they choose may become a slippery path, but then again we have all witnessed that the separation of church and state is wanting in this country.

People try to hold up the actions of religious extremists as justification for stripping away of a basic right.

If that's true, more religious groups should be running into trouble than just the Muslims.

This really seems more like the dominant group taking advantage of the fact that they can out-scream their opponents.

Certainly Jewish New Yorkers haven't been able to stop Christians from building despite centuries of persecution between those two groups.

Perhaps what is most important is not our religious freedom in this country, but our worldwide neighbors.

While Christians outnumber every other religion in the U.S. by a huge margin, on a global scale Islam is close behind. In keeping good international relations, sometimes things that should be minor take on too much significance.

The simple fact that there is such a big controversy regarding the simple building of a cultural center may reflect badly on the country outside of our borders.

In the end, while it is important to respect the feelings of those who were affected by Sept. 11, 2001, there is more to consider.

Besides maintaining the promises that our founding fathers guaranteed future citizens, we need to consider our international image.

The U.S. has already made innumerable fumbles in Islamic relations, can we truly afford another now?

Furthermore, considering the proximity of other Islamic cultural centers to the proposed site, is it really even an issue of location or is it simply something that got picked up in the papers and sensationalized?

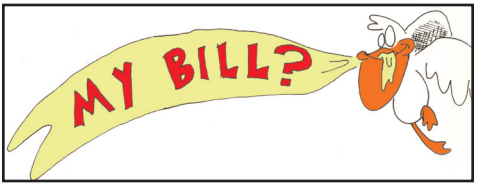
In fact, it's possible that if no one treated it as if it were a big deal, it wouldn't have become one, despite the location or the time that has passed.





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How do you feel about the Islamic Center being built near Ground Zero? Did you even know it was an Islamic Center?



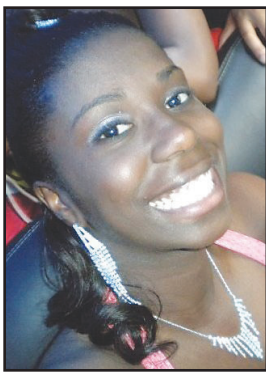
 <p>Sam Donovan Senior Music Therapy</p> <p>"It's not a good idea. The fact that it's an Islamic Center doesn't change that it's a faux pas for the situation. It's respect for religion versus respect for a national tragedy."</p>	 <p>Kelly Kuerz Freshman Sociology/Education</p> <p>"I was aware that it was a community center. I'm cool with it. Why shouldn't they be allowed to build a center anywhere in the country? It's a cultural value as Americans to value freedom of religion. Even if it's not popular, that's not what freedom of religion means."</p>	 <p>Dan Cohan Senior Film</p> <p>"I knew it was an Islamic center. People have their right to have religious worship centers. They have just as much of a right as anybody to congregate and gather peacefully. I don't see them causing any trouble."</p>	 <p>Devon Koch Sophomore English</p> <p>"I don't think it's that big of a deal. I don't think it has anything to do with how close it is to Ground Zero, you can't even see it from the location. I don't think they intended to offend anybody. They just want a place to be, everyone needs a place to just be."</p>
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An Onslaught of Parties or Vital Networking?

One Student Explains the Pros and Cons of “Rush” in Greek Life on Campus



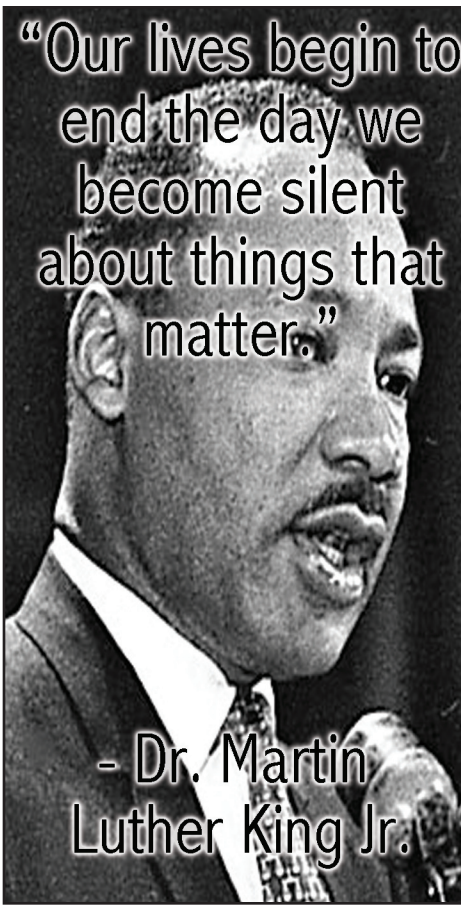
SEKINAH BRODIE
COLUMNIST

You see it at the beginning of every new school year: rush. Countless numbers of fraternities and sororities at MontclairState University are on a mission to convince recruits to join their respective sister and brotherhoods. Greek life at Montclair claims to have more to it than meets the eye. Joining these families of your peers is supposed to help create a home away from home, and assist with the personal growth of students in many areas. From social life, community service and scholarships to leadership and alumni involvement, these happen to be the lesser known perks of Greek life. The typical student may be under the impression that joining a fraternity or sorority revolves around drinking, partying and socializing. This is not surprising, as the media only portrays this side of Greek life in television

and movies. But with all these “perks” comes some hard work. We are all aware that hazing is one of the reasons that many students are discouraged from pledging or committing their time to any Greek organization. Stories in the news have told of students in other parts of the country being hazed to sometimes fatal extremes. Though incidences have not been as severe at Montclair, it is no secret that you are put through a rigorous wringer before you can call yourself a “brother” or “sister.” When you are first approached about joining an organization, are you informed about all of this? Probably not. You are probably with a group of friends and approached by a representative who invites you to a Rush party. Needless to say, a large percentage of students attend these parties with no intentions of pledging at all, they are simply looking for a good time. For this reason, drawing students in through parties may be the easiest way, but not the most effective way, to get potential recruits. So you may ask yourself: if Greek life is not all about having fun, and you have to go through weeks of public humiliation, and at times pointless activities in order to cross over, why do students still choose to pledge?

Since my first year at Montclair, a reoccurring theme I came across was that being in a Greek Organization was one of the only ways to always keep busy on campus, in a social sense. Several associates I know that were involved in sororities always seemed to have a variety of activities to do either on or off campus with their sisters. Not to mention this is a solid way to make some real friends and connections that may be useful in the future. Personally, pledging was never interesting to me. I could not see the fascination in going through weeks of disrespect, being talked down to and told what and when to do something, then turning around and calling those same people my family. However, I can see how these families and positions may be helpful in the future. With that said, taking in the pros and cons, what will you decide to do? Rush week may influence you to pledge, but when you get into it you may be discouraged. No matter what, your decision has to be your own, so the question is: to pledge or not to pledge?

Sekinah Brodie, an English major, is in her first year as columnist for The Montclarion.



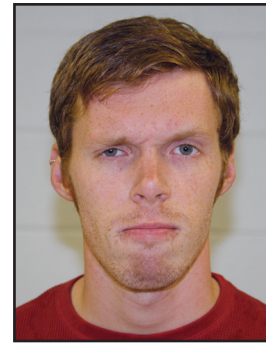
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Diem Fails to Live up to Student’s Nostalgia

A Commentary on Diem, Water Fountains and Everything in Between



JACOB MERCER-PONTIER
COLUMNIST

It’s Saturday night and, as I am writing this, I am staring longingly into the deep black abyss that we once called Café Diem. The air around me is still and, other than the drunken screaming I hear in the distance (which is, let’s be honest, most likely from Bohn Hall), all is quiet on Montclair’s campus. I walk up to the large glass doors that used to welcome me with open doors and wrap my hands around the thick metal door handles. The feeling of the cold metal handle is alien to me, and I pause for a moment to consider as if I had never before needed to worry about opening this door and had always strolled in with a whistle on my lips and a pep in my step. However, this time the doors respond with only the heart-wrenching shudder of

resistance that only Justin Bieber could relate to. I didn’t expect anything, but as I shuffle away, I can’t help but look back and think of all the good times I had there back when people used to know a thing or two about hospitality. This scene would only be more picturesque were I kneeling outside in the pouring rain, pounding the door and crying desperately for sanctuary — something that Café Diem once provided any hour of any day for both the weary transient commuter and the curiously ravenous resident at any hour of the night. Now, while the hump on my back is limited to the current day’s course load, as a commuter it is nice to know that I will always have a place to sit down and grab a iced coffee or a hot sandwich (with or without sauce) without having to deal with the hassle of being signed in or out at every door. No questions asked beyond the regular “What can I get you today?” punctuated with those signature Diem smiles. Café Diem, once a glowing beacon in the foggy haze of on-campus doldrums that was filled with such life and vibrance at almost any hour of the day has become nothing more than an empty wasteland.

Its old inhabitants wander the campus left with only the prospect of finding some place to get stoned and then trudge back to the multi-grain Wheat Thins their parents packed them in their care packages. After all, what else is there to do when the only building open on weekends is the library? As a junior I have watched, over the past semesters, the steady increase of Montclair’s tuition and the steady decline of Montclair’s practical judgment rear it’s head like some fang-toothed carnivorous beast trapped in the confines of a line graph. This incongruence does not extend merely to just our poor, forgotten day-seizing haven, but is littered throughout the day with little overlooked disappointments. Hell, if I had a dollar for every time someone complained about the current state of our dear Montclair State University, I would have enough money to pay for next semester’s tuition (but if extrapolation still means anything, then probably not next fall’s). The water fountains in almost every building in the school have streams so weak that they bring back memories of suckling whenever I am too thirsty to carry on. But too proud to buy a bottle of water

(it comes from the sky! Why should I pay for it?), the shuttle bus air conditioners sound like they are going to explode at any minute, Dickson seems to be over-compensating for global warming and the construction is so bad its even gotten me backed up. Montclair, do you need a list or are you just going to be content in forever attempting to turn what was once our “pretty little campus” into a sprawling residential metropolis while advertising yourselves as a commuter school. I mean, when did you guys think we had so much parking we should just get rid of almost all surface parking? If that isn’t a facepalm, then I don’t know what is. Freshmen, it doesn’t seem like it, but this is your time to put your foot down or you will be waiting in traffic like the rest of us for the rest of your college careers. Welcome to Montclair, where you would probably graduate on time if you could just get to class first. Our new motto: “Better luck next year!”

Jacob Mercer-Pontier, an English major, is in his first year as columnist for The Montclarion.

THE WEEK IN REVIEW

Thumbs Up to *the premiere of Boardwalk Empire!*

Thumbs Down to *the Nicki Minaj scam.*

Gallery 3.5 Premieres Ceramics

Monica Winston
Assistant A&E Editor

Gallery 3.5 opened this semester with an exhibit that featured ceramic artists AuCo Lai and Theresa Mustafa. The two collections were complementary, not only in medium, but in the artists' inspiration: the natural aesthetic.

Lai's work, entitled "Smoke and Sweat: a Glimpse into Traditional Fire," predominantly featured her pottery skills, as she displayed pots, bowls, urns and vases.

Though her pieces had her trademark flair and affinity for glazing, each piece also had its own unique coloring and shape. Some were perfectly rounded with elegant shades of cream that brighten to warmer shades of orange and gold, while others were lovingly described as lumpy or misshapen with more sporadic lines of color.

Lai encouraged patrons

to pick up her ceramics, who then praised her honed skills. Jackie Daniels, an art education major, said, "She's become really focused so all of her work. You can usually tell what's hers, like, immediately and I think a lot of that has to do with the way she glazes, because if you see it, it's really natural. It looks like she threw it on more for a purpose than for aesthetic reasons."

"Smoke and Sweat" also displayed Lai's floor installations inspired by the human body, depicting limbs and one lower half of the body, because she finds beauty in subtle movements. Lai described it as part of her appreciation for simplicity and the Japanese aesthetic. "Smoke and Sweat" is aptly named for the 96 hours Lai put into wood firing in a kiln.

Mustafa's "Opposites Attract" featured wall displays inspired by nature and her family. Two wall displays were clay tiles that had been

pressed with small branches and leaves which burned off during firing.

Mustafa described her work saying that she was not afraid of leaving blank space on the tile, but this is not entirely true. The space that wasn't occupied with imprints from greenery had been brushed vertically and horizontally so that it played with texture and appeared to be made from pressed cloth. In a similar piece, the brushing had been done less uniformly and, in addition to the use of crisp, dried leaves, gave the appearance of a windy autumn day.

Mustafa's most attention grabbing piece was entitled "The Family Tree" in which she took her signature tree tile and interspersed it with squares of fabric from garments that belonged to family members. Paula Esposito, student, raved about the piece, saying, "It's really amazing how she interweaves the piec-



Lai's exploration of Japanese aesthetic.

Monica Winston | *The Montclarion*

es that were donated by her family with the abstract tree behind it for a visual representation of a family tree. You immediately have to respond to the different textures and how they are so intricately woven together and they tell such an amazing story."

Regrettably, by the time this review is printed the gallery will be bare, but rest assured knowing that it's only a matter of time before another up-and-coming MSU artist graces the quaint space on the second floor of Calcia.

For footage of
Gallery 3.5
and interviews with
the artists visit
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Mustafa reflects on her "Family Tree."

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Lohan Gives a "1-2 Punch" in New Rodriguez Picture *Machete* Fails to Wow Critics

John Stock
Staff Writer

In its opening weekend, *Machete* finished second to *The American* despite a cast filled with A-list names. Originally predicted to premier in the top spot and gain audience's attention, there has been a steady drop in sales following the trend of unsatisfied view-

ers and a lack of repeat ticket sales.

Machete fails to capture the charm of 70s era exploitation cinema. Instead, the film is merely unsuccessful in recreating certain formal and narrative elements of the genre. Loud engines, outlaws and loose women along with gratuitous violence and sex are key elements that have been used quite successfully in Rodri-

guez's previous films, such as *Planet Terror* and *From Dusk Till Dawn*. In this most recent production, the directorial team of Rodriguez and Ethan Maniquis (*Planet Terror*) attempts to create a film reminiscent of a time when underdeveloped scripts, shoestring budgets, amateur actors and no regard for formal aesthetics came second to the visceral experience of late night drive-

in movie culture. Exploitation Cinema was truly an original form, while *Machete* is at best a poorly crafted memento. Everything from the locations, set and sound design were too polished. As far as casting, the performances are not over the top inasmuch as the cast's talents are under-utilized.

Lindsay Lohan, however, is a saving grace for a film that overall feels lacking and con-

trived. Playing the carefully crafted character of April, the daughter of corrupt right wing senator McLaughlin (De Niro), Lohan gives a nuanced performance that traces her personal history, specifically focusing on her most recent personal debauches. This seeming effortless tour de force shouts a reaffirming cheer in the vain of "Lindsayanity." For those shocked that Lohan is not dead, we can hope that this will be the final nail her career-coffin.



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Mark's New Music Roundup



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Serj Tankian, the lead singer of loud rock band System of a Down, has ventured off into a solo career with arguably mixed results. The music here is more orchestral and electronic, but his voice tends to sound annoying without the loud rock background. He's still angry and politically driven, but he doesn't seem as interesting or clever on his own. Listening to *Imperfect Harmonies* will make you question why Tankian ever decided to go solo.



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Perhaps Weezer's most interesting album art to date, *Hurley* is definitely not up to the standards set by *The Blue Album*, but it does have a certain charm. Unfortunately, it's way too similar to *Raditude* than what most fans will be hoping for. Still, it's Weezer, and if you're a fan of simple catchy pop rock songs, then you will surely find something to enjoy about their latest album.

Do you have any ideas for the Round Up? If so, then contact Mark at msuarts@gmail.com and start writing for *The Montclarion* today!

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The Town Delivers a Brilliant Crime Drama

Ben Affleck Directs and Stars in Film

Ken Macri
Staff Writer

The Town is a solid crime drama that is driven by a strong cast, who all gave very distinctive performances. The lead role belongs to Ben Affleck who plays Doug MacRay. Affleck directs the film as well.

Doug MacRay is a longtime thief plagued by a troubled childhood during which his mother vanished when he was six years old. His father (Chris Cooper) was a drug addicted criminal. MacRay gave up on the opportunity to become a professional hockey player and instead became the ring leader of a notorious bank heist crew.

In his crew is James "Gem" Coughlin (Jeremy Renner). Coughlin has been like a brother to MacRay throughout his entire life, and even spent nine years in prison to save MacRay's life. Renner puts on a totally different performance in this film than he did in his Oscar-nominated performance in *The Hurt Locker*. The character of James Coughlin is a hard nosed, arrogant criminal, and Renner goes out of his element to make it work. In my opinion, he gave an exceptional performance.

The opening scene in the film depicts MacRay and his crew carrying out a bank heist, and Coughlin decides to take a hostage for protection against the police. At first, I thought the hostage was merely in the film just for that specific scene, but she actually becomes a central character in the movie, and even develops a relationship with MacRay. The hostage, Claire Keesey, is played by the marvelous Rebecca Hall, who gives the performance that this film relies on the most. Claire and MacRay spend the entire film developing a relationship, which in the end is



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tested vigorously by the police.

Not only must MacRay deal with his newly formed relationship with Claire, he must deal with a tenacious FBI agent named Adam Frawley (Jon

Hamm) who is looking to bring down MacRay's entire crew. Frawley hunts them through the streets of Boston, and it seems like Frawley will stop at nothing to take them down. Hamm

also did an admirable job in this film as Frawley, and I really felt that he fit in effectively with the rest of the cast. Hamm is tailor made to play a cop, and this film was no exception.

With the impressive performances of Affleck, Hamm, Renner and Hall, along with the compelling storyline, this film was satisfying. The film truly balanced the right amount of action along with the emotions of the distinct and complex characters.

Overall, *The Town* isn't quite on the same level as *The Departed*, but it is still a fantastic film, and I highly recommend it to any crime drama fan.

Ken's Grade:
4 out of 5
Stars



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Volleyball Loses Battle With Rowan

MSU Falls to 1-1 in NJAC as the Profs Sweep Them in Three Straight Sets



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Red Hawk freshman Megan Cockcroft looks to set up a play for MSU in a match from earlier this season. Cockcroft had six attacks in Tuesday’s match.

Kendall Zoppa
STAFF WRITER

The Red Hawks proved dominant, yet unfortunately fell short of a win Tuesday against the Rowan Profs in their second NJAC match.

Rowan came out aggressively and quickly took the lead over Montclair. They proved to be organized and disciplined in their attacks, ultimately leaving the Red Hawks trailing the entire set, 25-10.

Montclair responded in the second set

with the first kill. The Profs continued to trail as Montclair maintained dominance throughout the beginning of the second set.

Rowan came back and tied it up at seven a piece. The Red Hawks answered with a tremendous block and kill by freshman Megan Cockcroft. Unfortunately, the momentum wasn’t enough to carry the Red Hawks out on top, trailing by only a few at the end. MSU then missed a block that cost them the set at 25-19.

In the final set, Montclair took the lead with a kill by freshman outside hit-

ter Marta Topor. MSU lost and regained the lead a few more times throughout the beginning of the set to within one point at 7-6. After a few service and attack errors, Montclair was unable to get back in the game. They trailed by at least six for the remainder of the set. A final kill by Rowan sophomore outside hitter Katie Havilcek ended the set at 25-15.

Havilcek and freshman outside hitter Dakota Oeskovic led the Profs with nine kills each, while Topor led the Red Hawks with 6 kills. Freshman libero and defensive specialist, Kaitlyn Irwin

dominated defensively for the Red Hawks raking up 18 digs, and freshman libero Lauren Ruffalo had 15 digs for Rowan.

The win for Rowan moves their record to 5-1, while Montclair hangs on at just 2-13. Both teams remain 1-1 in the NJAC.

The Red Hawks take a trip to Rutgers-Camden this Thursday, Sept. 23, where they will take on the 5-5 Scarlet Raptors. You can catch the Red Hawks this Saturday at the Panzer Athletic Center when they go head to head with Polytechnic, matches begin at 11 a.m.

Fantasy Football: Start ‘Em/Sit ‘Em Week 3



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Mark Sanchez is unlikely to duplicate his week two performance against a tough Miami Dolphins’ secondary this week.

Brandon Gincel
STAFF WRITER

START EM

QB – Brett Favre – After a tough two weeks against the Saints and Dolphins, look for Favre to rebound this week against a weak Detroit defense that gave up 284 yards and two scores to Michael Vick last week and a whopping 372 yards and two scores to Jay Cutler two weeks ago.

RB – Darren McFadden – McFadden gets to play an Arizona defense that has let up 100+ total yards of offense to opposing running backs and three

touchdowns over the past two weeks. It also helps that for the first season in his young career, McFadden seems to be running with purpose and has been a top fantasy back over the first two weeks of the season.

WR – Wes Welker – Wes Welker and the Patriots look to bounce back this week against a winless Buffalo team. Tom Brady was furious at the performance of the offense in the second half of last week’s game vs. the Jets. You have to believe that problem will be rectified this week. The New England offense should explode this week and Wes Welker should reap the benefits and add to his team leading three touchdowns total.

SIT EM

QB – Mark Sanchez – The Jets head down to South Beach this weekend to face the 2-0 division leading Miami Dolphins. The Dolphins picked off Brett Favre three times last week and recovered a fumble in the end zone last week. This Dolphins defense has allowed a league low 20 points and will be fired up this week for their home opener on prime time television. Although Sanchez threw for three scores last week, he should not be an option this week.

RB – Cadillac Williams/Earnest Graham– Tampa Bay plays the Pittsburgh Steelers this week. Pittsburgh’s defense

held Michael Turner under 50 yards in week one and Chris Johnson under 40 yards in week two. If elite backs can’t crack this defense, don’t expect either one of these guys to do it.

WR – Steve Smith (Carolina) – Steve Smith has had good numbers in the first two weeks of the season finding pay dirt twice. Unfortunately the Panthers front office has decided to go in a different direction at quarterback this week, giving rookie Jimmy Clausen a chance to start his first NFL game. I would stay away from Smith this week as quarterbacks don’t have particularly good track record in their first NFL seasons, let alone their first games.



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Former USC running back Reggie Bush returned his Heismann Trophy last week for NCAA violations that occured during his career at the school.

Jason Hrina
STAFF WRITER

College football great, Reggie Bush, graciously, civilly and voluntarily gave up his 2005 Heisman Trophy Tuesday, Sept. 14 after years of heavy scrutiny for receiving benefits to aid him through college. The National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) forbids athletes to receive help outside the immediate fam-

ily, arguing that it gives an unfair advantage to the player. And while that may be true, it doesn't mean that Reggie Bush had to give up his Heisman Trophy, does it?

Reggie Bush was receiving money to stay in hotel rooms, dine out, purchase new clothes and other items. By law, in this case the NCAA rules, he indeed has to relinquish the title. He broke a rule known by the athletes and tried to cheat

the system. Bush had to give up his title one way or another. The Heisman Trust (the "board" of the Heisman Trophy) and Reggie Bush were both being badgered to reach a decision on what to do with the trophy. He faced a one way road; he was likely going to lose the trophy, so to take the pressure off of himself he made a solid public relations move and voluntarily gave the prestigious trophy back to the Heisman Trust.

But underneath all of the legal documentation we see teams proudly playing a sport they enjoy. The Heisman Trophy is awarded for the most outstanding player in the sport that year, an honor judged by how well they played on the football field, not how they got there.

The sports world witnessed a player like we've never seen before. Bush was earning money from the time he was in high school. Some people work retail, Reggie Bush was preparing to make millions in the NFL. Any business, franchise, enterprise or career needs some kind of financial assistance along the way, Bush was taking out his loans early and is cashing them in now. That should not affect what happens on the field.

It's not his fault his talent is so great,. LeBron James did pretty well for his high school basketball team and he was able to sign with a professional sports team after he graduated. Let's just say all his benefits were early birthday gifts and call it a day. His rewards were for a successful early football career, he should reap the benefits rather than deny him-

self the luxury he earned himself.

By getting into the University of Southern California he propelled himself to a million dollar professional career, a Super Bowl title, commercial success and a little time with celebrity Kim Kardashian. He's somewhat of a celebrity himself. He and his fellow Trojans earned a national championship in 2005, but they are now forced to relinquish that title, some wins, scholarships and more because of an ineligible player they had on the team. Every other player on the team during that time has to give up the thrill of winning the title, some "officially" lost their entire college career because of this rule. Not only is Reggie Bush losing something he earned, his football program is in a monstrous hole that may take years to get out of. Even the players on the teams have lost something to gloat about to their kids or to the girl at the bar.

In all technicality, yes, Reggie Bush did have to give up the trophy. Rules are rules, and no one can get around them. Bush is the perfect example to stop future violators, and if the NCAA didn't do anything they would have been not only scrutinized, but every athlete and agent would use this scenario as an excuse to get around it. But somewhere within the legal ramifications, it must be alright to punish at least the player and not the entire team. Fining the school would have been a much more reasonable idea too. I'm sure there are some extra pennies from tuitions lying around.

(U) = Upset Pick	Mike Monostra Sports Editor	Kris Hunte Assistant Sports Editor
Last Week	8-8	11-5
Season Record	17-15	18-14
Upset Record	0-2	0-2
49ers at Chiefs	49ers	49ers
Cowboys at Texans	Texans	Texans
Titans at Giants	Giants	Giants
Steelers at Bucs	Steelers	Steelers
Lions at Vikings	Vikings	Vikings
Falcons at Saints	Falcons (U)	Saints
Browns at Ravens	Ravens	Ravens
Bills at Patriots	Patriots	Patriots
Bengals at Panthers	Bengals	Bengals
Redskins at Rams	Redskins	Redskins
Eagles at Jaguars	Eagles	Jaguars
Raiders at Cards	Cardinals	Raiders
Colts at Broncos	Colts	Broncos (U)
Jets at Dolphins	Dolphins	Jets
Packers at Bears	Packers	Packers

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Field Hockey Leading Kean 3-0, Game Suspended

Red Hawks roll in first half before rain hits, game will be finished at later date



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MSU forward Melissa Flaherty drives towards the Kean goal in last night's suspended game between Montclair State and Kean.

Mike Monostra
SPORTS EDITOR

Montclair State field hockey sped through their first half against the Kean Cougars last night, leading 3-0 before a severe thunderstorm forced a premature end to the night.

The game was suspended with eight minutes remaining in the first half. According to NCAA rules, since the game was not played to its conclusion, it will be resumed from the point from which it

was left off. The date for when the game will resume will be announced at a later date.

For the 27 minutes of game action that was actually played, the Red Hawks dominated the Cougars, scoring two goals in the first four minutes of the game. Senior midfielder Diana Colombo got MSU started with a big shot from the edge of the circle just 1:26 into the game to give the Red Hawks a 1-0 lead.

A few minutes later, Kean goalie Lauren Dobbs misplayed a ball, allowing it to trickle behind her. Red Hawk forward Melissa Flaherty slammed it home,

making the score 2-0 in favor of the Red Hawks.

Kean would wake up defensively at that point, but offensively never put any pressure on MSU, earning only one corner and not getting a single shot on goal in the 27 minutes of game action. MSU clearly came ready to play for their NJAC opener, putting up a wall for the Cougar attackers.

Just a few minutes before the rain came, MSU added a third goal on a penalty stroke from Devin McNamara to increase the score to 3-0. The teams would play on for a few more minutes

before rain swept across Sprague Field, sending the teams and officials to the locker room and the fans to the exit.

The storm could not have come at a worse time for the Red Hawks, who had all the momentum in their favor and will need to regain the swagger when the game continues.

The next scheduled match for MSU will come on Sunday, when they travel to Connecticut for a non-conference showdown with Trinity College. They will return home on Wednesday, when they host Misericordia at Sprague Field. The start time for the game is at 7 p.m.

Hagel: A Leader On and Off the Field

Mike Monostra
SPORTS EDITOR

MSU field hockey was engaged in an early season battle with Wheaton three weeks ago. With the score 0-0 late in the first half and the Red Hawks needing a jolt, senior captain Deana Hagel streaked down the right side of the field toward the Wheaton goal, chasing a long pass. Diving to keep the ball in bounds, she managed to hook a pass through two defenders to teammate Melissa Flaherty, who tapped the ball into the net. MSU used the goal as momentum en route to a 6-1 win.

That play exemplified the type of leader that Hagel is. A vocal leader that can also take over a field hockey game, she has become one of the best MSU players to come around in recent years.

Hagel entered MSU after playing field hockey in a solid program at West Essex High School, which molded her into an excellent player.

"Our coach was really into what she does," Hagel said. "She made us into what we were. We were really close knit as a team and really worked hard."

Hagel decided to attend Montclair State for a number of reasons. Staying close to home was necessary for her and MSU allows her to commute to school every day. However, the program also impressed Hagel, encouraging her to play for coach Beth Gottung.

"The program here is actually a very good program," Hagel said. "I had actually met with the coach and I liked her a lot."

Hagel played sparingly in her first two seasons at Montclair State. In 30 games during that stretch, she would score 10 goals, including seven during the Red Hawks' 2007 ECAC Mid-Atlantic Championship run. However, Hagel really began to blossom in her junior year when she moved into the starting lineup full-time. That same year, she also got a little extra motivation.

"That year, my sister Michelle joined the team," Hagel said. "Also my friend from high school, Jaclyn DiSanti, last year was [in] her first year as assistant coach. So I think having them there helped make me feel comfortable."

"I'm so grateful to have [Michelle]

with me," Hagel added. "I'm so glad that she can play with me and I can share this experience with her."

Things seemed to come together on the field as well, as Hagel led her team with 17 goals on the season and scored a goal in every game of the 2009 ECAC Mid-Atlantic Tournament, which the Red Hawks won for the second time in Hagel's career.

"[Winning ECACs] is not like winning the NJAC or going to the NCAAs," she said. "But it's definitely a good feeling to end your season on a note like that."

During this past offseason, Hagel's hard work was awarded when the team voted her as captain for the 2010 season. The accomplishment has turned out to be one of the biggest moments in her field hockey career.

"It means the world to me that my team would vote me into something like that position," Hagel said. "I feel like as one of the captains, Diana [Colombo] and I have to set the tone for the team. It's not that hard, because our team knows what we have to do. But it's definitely a little more pressure."

The Red Hawks kicked off conference play against Kean on Wednesday night, looking to win their first NJAC title in school history. Winning this during Hagel's senior year would be an incredible moment. She also believes that this year's team has the ability to pull it off.

"I 100 percent believe we can win the NJAC this year," Hagel said. "I know that we are so talented and skilled. With TCNJ and Rowan, we're out for blood."

Hagel has certainly gotten off to a fast start this season, scoring four goals and dishing four assists in six games as of Saturday. However, many of the memories for this year will be the time spent with her teammates.

"This is my favorite team I've ever been on," she said. "We're having such a great time, we're playing well, we're doing the things we need to be doing. The team chemistry is there, and that's what makes it so special."

Regardless of what happens on the field, the Red Hawks can proudly claim Hagel as a great leader on and off the field. While the team may never be able to duplicate the skills or leadership that she possesses, she may be a deciding factor in making this year's Red Hawk field hockey team a champion.



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Senior Deana Hagel came into this week's games ranked seventh in MSU field hockey in career goals as well as 10th in career points.

Men’s Soccer Takes Down Rowan

Jon Fazio
STAFF WRITER

The Montclair State University Men’s Soccer team blanked Rowan University 5-0 in the New Jersey Athletic Conference opener at Sprague Field on Thursday night. Junior midfielder Mike Pytlar scored twice while senior forward Larry Geraghty added a goal and assist for the Red Hawks in the victory. Freshman Dan Mendoza picked up a pair of assists as Montclair State improved to 4-1-2 overall.

Head Coach Brian Sentowski, had a simple game plan. “We wanted to go out and work them for 90 minutes,” said Sentowski. “I thought our effort and energy was very good, and the result shows that.”

The Red Hawks’ first score came in just over the 12-minute mark of the game

when Geraghty kicked the ball from a corner kick to the box where it found freshman defender Matt Slattery, who then headed the pass from five yards out for a 1-0 MSU lead. It was a lead they would not relinquish. Pytlar extended the lead to 2-0 with the first of his two goals at the 16:44 mark, scoring off an assist from Mendoza.

Senior Thomas Benack made it a 3-0 game with 6:46 left to go in the half as he flipped in a pass from sophomore midfielder Will O’Connor.

At the start of the second half, Pytlar made it a four-goal lead when he intercepted a back pass from a defender before driving in a shot from seven yards out for his second goal of the game and the year. Geraghty got the last goal as he and Mendoza executed a perfect give-and-go. Off the assist, Geraghty went top shelf into the right corner for his third goal of the year.

The Red Hawks totaled 14 shots to Rowan’s three. Sophomore goalie Anthony Rogic stopped two shots for his third shutout of the season. For Rowan, goalies Charlie Cunliffe and Michael Fanz-Huster combined for four saves.

The win was also the first for Montclair State in the NJAC, which is very important for the team to qualify for the NJAC tournament. It was also a sigh of relief for coach Sentowski.

“Any win in the NJAC is important,” said Sentowski. “It is arguably the most difficult conference in the country and any time you can take three points away from a match, it’s critical.”

The Red Hawks’ next game will be on Saturday, Sept. 25 at home as they take on The College of New Jersey, another team in the NJAC, and another decisive game for Montclair State. The game will be played at 1 p.m. at Sprague Field. For updates, visit themontclarion.org.

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and one pass breakup.

“Our defensive coaching staff does a terrific job teaching and working with our guys and our guys respond back to them,” stated Giancola about the Red Hawk defense. “They do a good job understanding what the concepts are and trying to put themselves in positions to make some plays.”

The very first play from scrimmage for MSU’s offense made Red Hawk football fanatics think, “Who will be Jeff Bliss?” Senior running back Chris D’Andrea showed the NJAC that he is the player to look out for in MSU’s deep backfield. With a handoff to the Red Hawk sideline, the offensive captain sprinted untouched 89 yards down the field for the first

touchdown of the game. He finished the game with 131 yards and 14 carries.

The rushing committee of D’Andrea, Matt Jimenez and freshman A.J. Scoppa contributed for 161 of MSU’s 353 yards of offense, including a 47 yard breakaway score by Scoppa in the fourth quarter to hammer the final nail in the coffin.

“We would like to have a feature back,” said Giancola. “We have some quality athletes at tailback and if any one of them gets into the ball game we expect them to do what we saw today.”

Junior quarterback Tom Fischer struggled early in the game, throwing two interceptions and lost a fumble before the second half. Some of his troubles stemmed from miscommunication and

dropped passes from junior wide receiver and first year starter Byron Lewin. As the game progressed, Fischer was able to stir up some chemistry with Lewin, resulting in eight of his 13 pass completions brought in by the junior, including a lateral trick play on the last snap of the first half that ended in a touchdown.

“Byron’s definitely a key factor in the offense, he’s a guy that can give us breakaways. He can take an eight or nine yard pass and turn it into a 40 or 50 yard gain,” said Giancola on his wide receiver. Lewin finished with eight catches for 92 yards and a touchdown.

The champs continue their journey to two-time NJAC stardom Saturday, Sept. 25 at 0-2 Morrisville State in New York.

Football		
	NJAC	Overall
Cortland St.	2 - 0	2 - 0
W. Paterson	1 - 0	2 - 0
MSU	1 - 0	2 - 0
Brockport	1 - 0	1 - 1
Kean	1 - 1	1 - 1
Rowan	0 - 1	1 - 1
Buffalo St.	0 - 1	0 - 2
West. Conn.	0 - 1	0 - 2
Morrisville St.	0 - 1	0 - 2
TCNJ	0 - 1	0 - 2

This Week
9/25 @ Morrisville St. 12 p.m.

Last Week
9/18 MSU 26, Rowan 7

Men’s Soccer		
	NJAC	Overall
Paterson	1 - 0 - 0	4 - 1 - 1
MSU	1 - 0 - 0	4 - 1 - 2
Kean	1 - 0 - 0	4 - 2 - 1
RU-Camden	1 - 0 - 0	5 - 3 - 1
TCNJ	1 - 0 - 0	2 - 4 - 1
RU-Newark	0 - 1 - 0	6 - 2 - 0
Ramapo	0 - 1 - 0	5 - 2 - 0
Stockton	0 - 1 - 0	4 - 3 - 0
Rowan	0 - 1 - 0	3 - 3 - 2
NJCU	0 - 1 - 0	2 - 4 - 0

This Week
9/25 vs. TCNJ 1 p.m.
9/29 @ RU-Newark 7 p.m.

Last Week
9/16 MSU 5, Rowan 0

Women’s Soccer		
	NJAC	Overall
TCNJ	1 - 0 - 0	7 - 0 - 0
Rowan	1 - 0 - 0	5 - 0 - 1
Kean	1 - 0 - 0	6 - 1 - 1
Paterson	1 - 0 - 0	4 - 2 - 1
RU-Newark	0 - 0 - 1	3 - 3 - 2
RU-Camden	0 - 0 - 1	1 - 4 - 1
NJCU	0 - 1 - 0	5 - 2 - 0
Stockton	0 - 1 - 0	4 - 2 - 1
MSU	0 - 1 - 0	3 - 3 - 2
Ramapo	0 - 1 - 0	3 - 4 - 0

This Week
9/25 @ TCNJ 1 p.m.
9/19 vs. RU-Newark 4 p.m.

Last Week
9/16 MSU 7, CCNY 0
9/18 Rowan 8, MSU 1
9/22 William Paterson 1, MSU 0

Field Hockey		
	NJAC	Overall
Kean	0 - 0	5 - 1
MSU	0 - 0	5 - 1
TCNJ	0 - 0	6 - 2
Ramapo	0 - 0	3 - 3
Rowan	0 - 0	3 - 3
WPU	0 - 0	2 - 5
Stockton	0 - 0	0 - 6

This Week
9/26 @ Trinity (CT) 2 p.m.
9/29 vs. Misericordia 7 p.m.

Last Week
9/18 MSU 1, Susquehanna 0
9/22 MSU 3, Kean 0 (Game Susp.)

Volleyball		
	NJAC	Overall
Ramapo	2 - 0	6 - 1
Stockton	2 - 0	10 - 3
Paterson	1 - 0	9 - 1
Rowan	1 - 1	5 - 1
Kean	1 - 1	9 - 7
MSU	1 - 1	2 - 13
RU-Camden	0 - 1	5 - 5
RU-Newark	0 - 2	4 - 8
NJCU	0 - 2	3 - 6

This Week
9/23 @ RU-Camden 7 p.m.
9/25 vs. Polytechnic vs. Brooklyn 11 a.m.
3 p.m.

Last Week
9/17 MSU 3, Kean 1
CCNY 3, MSU 0
9/18 Berry 3, MSU 0
MSU 3, Centenary 2
9/21 Rowan 3, MSU 0

WHO’S HOT THIS WEEK

Dan Mendoza
Midfielder — Men’s Soccer

Mendoza earned the NJAC Rookie of the Week Award after registering two assists in the Red Hawks’ 5-0 NJAC victory over Rowan last Thursday.



Megan Bosland
Goalie — Field Hockey

Bosland won the NJAC Defensive Player of the Week after grabbing nine saves in a 3-1 win over Stevens last Wednesday and earning a shutout in a 1-0 victory over Susquehanna on Saturday.

GAME OF THE WEEK



Women’s Soccer
Wednesday, Sept. 29, 4 p.m.
vs. Rutgers-Newark
MSU Soccer Park

MSU looks to rebound from last week’s loss to Rowan with a conference victory against the Rutgers-Newark Scarlet Raiders.

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Sophomore defender Casey Schuckers and the MSU Women's Soccer team ended up on the wrong end of a 1-0 loss against rival William Paterson.

Deanna Benjamin
STAFF WRITER

The big rival game came and went leaving the Montclair Red Hawks with a loss of 0-1 against the William Paterson Pioneers at yesterday's game.

Both teams warmed up with energy before this crosstown rival game. As MSU warmed up, you could tell they were excited to play our rival school. The game started right away with head to head competition. The Red Hawks would have the ball in their possession, then seconds later the Pioneers were dribbling with it up the field.

The game was played using the whole field.

As the Pioneers played into the corners of the field, Montclair's defenders were right on top of them, not letting a scoring chance occur. It was a controlled game in the first half for both teams. The Red Hawks made good cross passes from the sideline to the front of the box. Several of these shots were close, but none were successful. The Pioneers took every scoring opportunity they had.

"We didn't take our shots like William Paterson did," senior Katie Minervini said. "They took their chances every time

they had the ball."

Minutes before the first half was up, the Red Hawks were eager to score. Pushing the ball into the Pioneers' end several times, they just couldn't get a shot on goal. Both teams looked tired as they ran off the field at half time with a 0-0 score.

The second half started and both teams again began to challenge each other in every aspect of the game. They sprinted to fifty-fifty balls, pushed to head butt and challenged each other with one on one possession. Then with 10 minutes left Pioneers' Michelle Morabondo brought the ball up from the 50,

split two of Montclair's defenders and took a shot on goal. Red Hawk's goalie Marisa Zayac dove for the ball, but it just missed her fingertips in the left of the goalie box. This now put Pioneers at a 1-0 lead.

Montclair was not giving up and played with everything left in their bodies while Pioneers struggled to keep up. But Montclair just couldn't get enough shots on goal ending the game with a 0-1 loss.

Minervini stated the next game they need to shoot the ball more. "Anything around the 18 we just need to shoot."

This game was the halfway

point for the Montclair women's soccer season. The girls have ambitions, though.

"Our goals are to win the rest of our conference games and make it into the NJAC tournament," Minervini stated. "The top six teams make it into the tournament and that's what we're shooting for."

Within the next two weeks the Red Hawks will play Rutgers-Newark and Kean in NJAC matches. The game against Rutgers-Newark will take place on Wednesday at 4 p.m. at MSU Soccer Park. MSU will take on Kean Oct. 13 at Sprague Field. Kickoff will be at 7 p.m.

Football Defeats Rowan in NJAC Opener

Kris Hunte
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The Red Hawks of MSU's football team, the defending kings of the NJAC, extend their winning streak in the conference to 10, dating back to last year, with a convincing win against Rowan, 26-7. The Profs, one of the best teams statistically in 2009, looked completely out of sync on offense against a relentless Red Hawk defense. MSU showed slight struggles in the first half, committing three turnovers, but eventually regained chemistry to dominate the rest of the game.

Coach Giancola's 2-0 squad continues to prove that the NJAC bragging rights belong to no other school than Montclair State University, and they're doing it in championship fashion; two-time championship fashion.

Rowan's trademark rushing attack struck fear in many teams last season. Montclair State was not one of those teams. The loss of defensive stars Brian Tweer and Chris Merkle to graduation did not slow down the Red Hawk's ability to stop the run when it mattered. Though the Red Hawks allowed 203 rushing yards, MSU's defense prevented big plays down the field and forced Rowan to rely on small

gains.

"Our goal was not to give up any big plays," stated Head Coach Rick Giancola. "If they were to score on us, they would have to chip at us and go the long route. To give up a big play on a 60-yard run or pass is very devastating."

Stalwart linebacker Ed Kirschenbaum led the defensive squad against Rowan's ground game with 12 total tackles, including one for a loss. The defense as a whole racked up five tackles that resulted in a loss of yardage, led by lineman Shaun Bach with two. Bach also had two sacks on the day.

The backbone of the Red Hawk defense lies in their secondary unit. The return of all-star safety Mario McLean and shutdown cornerback Gary Knoepfel made it difficult for a team that barely throws the ball to make a completion. Of 33 combined passing attempts by Rowan's quarterbacks Kenny Brock and Tim Hagerty, the Profs were only successful on nine of them for a total of 79 yards. Knoepfel dominated his side of the field, breaking up three passes thrown in his direction. McLean covered the entire field and was almost always around the ball on defense, finishing with nine total tackles.

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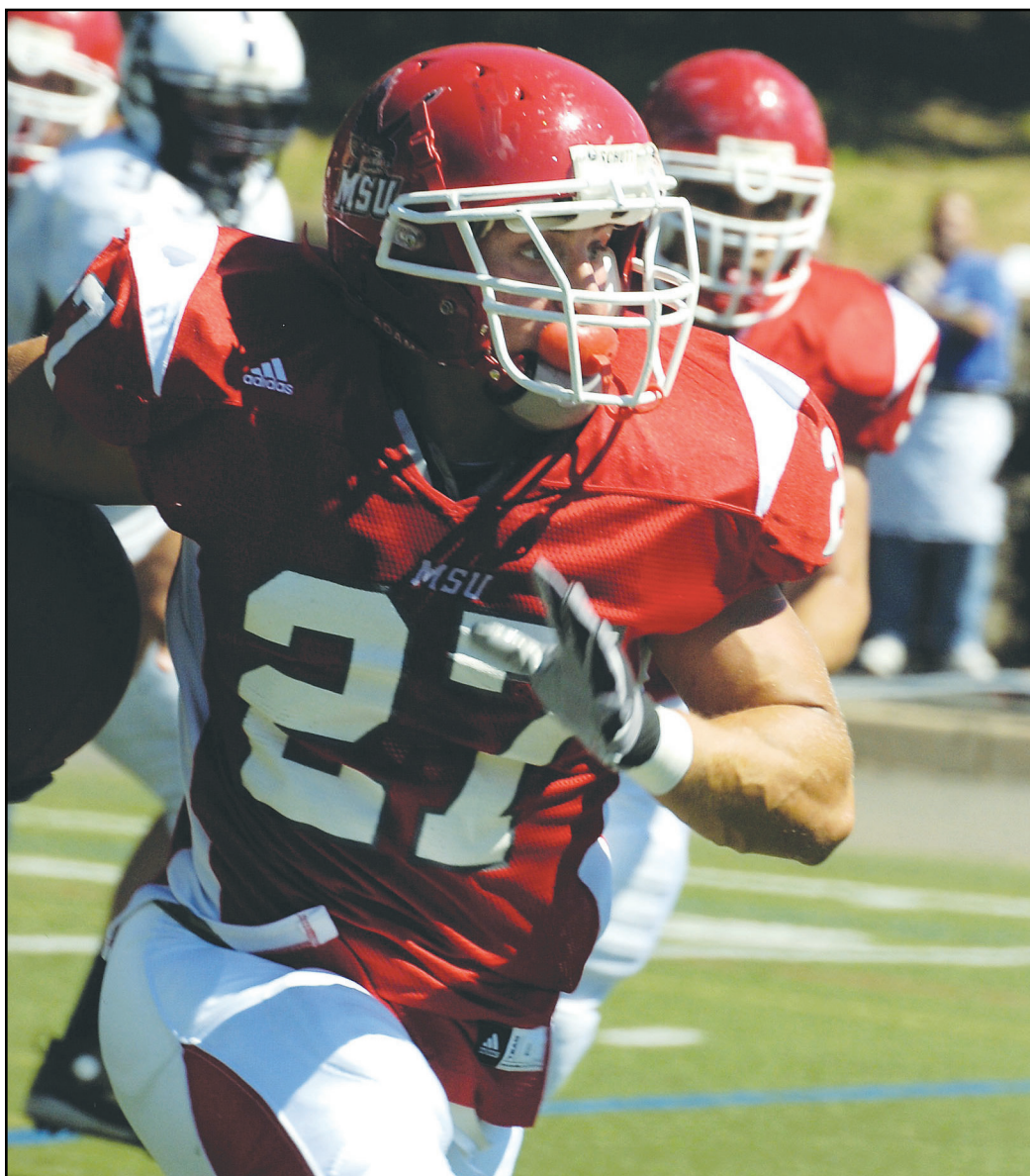


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Senior running back Chris D'Andrea had a career-long 89 yard touchdown run on MSU's first play from scrimmage in their 26-7 win over Rowan on Saturday.